B. <u>Discussions with the Examiner:</u>

On November 7, 2005 the Examiner called the undersigned and faxed the undersigned a copy of page 2 of the proposed Office Action. The Examiner suggested that if I approved the suggested changes, they could be made by Examiner's Amendment.

The undersigned called the Examiner on November 8, 2005, and left a telephone message agreeing to the changes. Subsequently a copy of the entire Office Action was received through the mail. Since the undersigned has heard nothing further from the Examiner, this First Amendment is being filed to ensure that the application does not become abandoned.

C. <u>Conclusion</u>:

In view of the present amendments claims 14-18 should be allowable in view of the Examiner's statements contained in the November 4 Office Action.

An early Notice of Allowability is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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